1: Holmberg--70 (1941-42) 1950 Siriono
116, 845, 853

"The Siriono regard multiple births as unnatural. Twins are believed to be caused by the father or the mother having eaten a double ear of corn. In fact, any plant which grows double, such as maize, manioc, or camote, is carefully avoided by adults lest multiple births result. Such plants are always fed to children. Although twins occur occasionally, informants knew of no cases in which more than two children were born at one time.

When twins are born, both are allowed to live. One of them frequently dies, however, because the mother is unable properly to attend both. Although cowives or sisters having no young children usually suckle one of a pair of twins for a short time after birth, there is, except in the case of orphans, a considerable reluctance to take care of anyone else's child for any prolonged period."

1: Holmberg--76 [2] (1941-42) 1950 Siriono
116, 853, 862

"Until a baby is about 6 months of age, he gets no other nourishment than mother's milk. Soon after, however, he may be given a bone to suck on, and his mother begins to supplement his diet with a certain amount of premasticated food. As the infant grows older, he is given more and more premasticated food, so that by the time he is 1 year of age, about 25 percent of his diet consists of foods other than mother's milk. During this time, however, he is never denied the breast if he wants it. In fact, children are rarely, if ever, fully weaned until they are at least 3 years of age, and occasionally one sees a child of 4 or 5 sucking from his mother's breast."